

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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MICHAEL E. SZLUHA,

Case No. 3:25-cv-00114-MMD-CLB

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

TERRY ROYAL, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Pro se Petitioner Michael Szluha filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (ECF No. 1-1 (“Petition”).) However, Szluha has not properly commenced this action. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) and the Judicial Conference Schedule of Fees, a \$5.00 filing fee is required to initiate a habeas action in a federal district court. The Court may authorize an indigent prisoner to begin a habeas action without paying the \$5 fee if they submit an IFP application on the approved form and include three specific documents: (a) the prisoner’s financial declaration and acknowledgement showing an inability to prepay fees and costs, (b) a financial certificate signed by the prisoner and an authorized prison official, and (c) a copy of the prisoner’s account statement for the six month period prior to filing. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a); LSR 1-1, LSR 1-2. Szluha filed a letter stating that “upon receipt of the case number he will immediately construct a ‘brass slip’ in order to pay the filing fee.” (ECF No. 1-4.) Szluha has until April 25, 2025, to pay his filing fee, file a completed an IFP application, or request an extension of time to do so.

It is therefore ordered that the initial screening of the Petition (ECF No. 1-1) under the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases is deferred until such time as Szluha has fully complied with this Order.

1 It is further ordered that on or before April 25, 2025, Szluha must pay the \$5 filing  
2 fee or file a complete IFP application with the three supporting documents listed above.  
3 Szluha's failure to timely comply with this Order will result in the dismissal of the Petition  
4 without prejudice and without further advance notice.

5 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court send Szluha a blank copy of the IFP  
6 application form for inmates along with instructions.

7 DATED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025.

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